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Filed: 1/18/02  
METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING A SOLUTION SET  
Inventors: Pelikan et al.  
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Our File No.: 1201.66005

Dear Ms. Durham:

Per our phone conversation, attached please find a copy of the postcard that was returned to us by the PTO confirming receipt of our Response to the Notice of Missing Parts mailed on May 8, 2002. As indicated, we responded to the May 8, 2002 Notice of Missing Parts by submitting a signed Declaration, as well as required fees on June 6, 2002. A copy of the signed Declaration we submitted on that date is also attached. Per our phone conversation, we believe the file to now be in order for examination and that the Notice of Missing Parts mailed on July 9, 2002 was in error.

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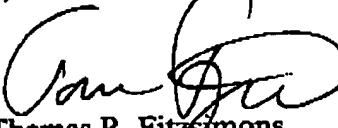
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Yours truly,

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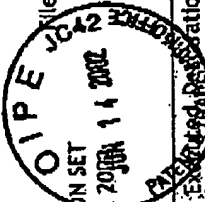
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